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South Carolina's Employment Situation November 2014

Number of Employed South Carolinians Hits Record High Labor Force Expands for Fifth Consecutive Month

The number of South Carolinians working reached a record high of 2,051,511 in November, while the labor force expanded for the fifth consecutive month.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.7 percent, and the labor force increased by 5,563 people to an estimated all-time record of 2,197,756.

The number of South Carolinians employed rose by 5,908 since October. The number of unemployed decreased slightly by 345 people to 146,245.

An estimated 28,659 people have found work since the same time last year, and the labor force has increased by 27,592. Over the year, the state's unemployment rate has declined by 0.1 percentage points.

Nationally, the November unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.8 percent.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

Non-farm payrolls (seasonally adjusted) in November increased 14,200 over the month, to a level of 1,965,400.

- South Carolina's top industry increases were in Professional and Business Services (+4,500); Leisure and Hospitality (+3,200); Government (+2,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,000); Manufacturing (+1,100); and Financial Activities (+1,000). Employment gains were also recorded in Information (+700) and Other Services (+500).
- Declines were reported in Education and Health Services (-700) and Construction (-200).

Compared to a year ago, seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 48,900.

- Industries with noticeable gains were Professional and Business Services (+16,800); Leisure and Hospitality (+10,300); Manufacturing (+8,200); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,900); Education and Health Services (+4,300); and Government (+3,900). Smaller increases were reported in Construction (+600) and Information (+300).
- Over-the-year, Other Services saw a decline (-1,300).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Over the month, not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment increased by 12,700 to 1,974,500. This increase followed as the trade industry begins its seasonal hiring. The notable gains were in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,400); Government (+3,500); Manufacturing (+2,300); Professional and Business Services (+2,300); Information (+800); Financial Activities (+800); Other Services (+600); and Education and Health Services (+300). Industries reporting decreases were Leisure and Hospitality (-2,100) and Construction (-1,200).

From November 2013 to November 2014, not-seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were up 50,600. Industries marking strong annual gains were Professional and Business Services (+20,100); Leisure and Hospitality (+8,600); Manufacturing (+8,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+5,900); Education and Health Services (+4,400); and Government (+4,100). Information and Construction also saw slight gains (+200 each). The industries showing losses over the year were Other Services (-800); Financial Activities (-100); and Natural Resources and Mining (-100).

¹Seasonally Adjusted: Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

²Not Seasonally Adjusted: Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
November 2014**

Industry	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	October 2014 to November 2014		November 2013 to November 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,965,400	1,951,200	1,916,500	14,200	0.72%	48,900	2.49%
Construction	83,000	83,200	82,400	-200	-0.24%	600	0.72%
Manufacturing	235,900	234,800	227,700	1,100	0.47%	8,200	3.48%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	371,200	369,200	365,300	2,000	0.54%	5,900	1.59%
Information	26,600	25,900	26,300	700	2.63%	300	1.13%
Financial Activities	95,800	94,800	95,800	1,000	1.04%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business Services	257,200	252,700	240,400	4,500	1.75%	16,800	6.53%
Education and Health Services	226,000	226,700	221,700	-700	-0.31%	4,300	1.90%
Leisure and Hospitality	238,600	235,400	228,300	3,200	1.34%	10,300	4.32%
Other Services	70,800	70,300	72,100	500	0.71%	-1,300	-1.84%
Government	356,600	354,500	352,700	2,100	0.59%	3,900	1.09%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

**Statewide
November 2014**

Industry	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	October 2014 to November 2014		November 2013 to November 2014	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,974,500	1,961,800	1,923,900	12,700	0.65%	50,600	2.14%
Natural Resources and Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	0.00%
Construction	82,900	84,100	82,700	-1,200	1.34%	200	0.12%
Manufacturing	236,700	234,400	228,600	2,300	0.77%	8,100	3.07%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	375,800	370,400	369,900	5,400	0.73%	5,900	1.56%
Information	26,500	25,700	26,300	800	-0.39%	200	-3.04%
Financial Activities	95,800	95,000	95,900	800	0.00%	-100	-1.96%
Professional and Business Services	259,200	256,900	239,100	2,300	1.11%	20,100	6.46%
Education and Health Services	227,600	227,300	223,200	300	1.16%	4,400	2.48%
Leisure and Hospitality	231,500	233,600	222,900	-2,100	-0.93%	8,600	3.96%
Other Services	70,900	70,300	71,700	600	-0.14%	-800	-2.09%
Government	363,900	360,400	359,800	3,500	1.15%	4,100	0.70%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas November 2014

Area	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	October 2014 to November 2014		November 2013 to November 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,965,400	1,951,200	1,916,500	14,200	0.72%	48,900	2.49%
Anderson MSA	67,800	67,000	66,500	800	1.18%	1,300	1.92%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	318,400	318,900	312,200	-500	-0.16%	6,200	1.95%
Columbia MSA	368,700	367,300	364,200	1,400	0.38%	4,500	1.22%
Florence MSA	87,000	86,700	85,300	300	0.34%	1,700	1.95%
Greenville MSA	324,800	323,700	315,100	1,100	0.34%	9,700	2.99%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	124,400	123,700	119,700	700	0.56%	4,700	3.78%
Spartanburg MSA	133,000	131,700	130,300	1,300	0.98%	2,700	2.03%
Sumter MSA	38,800	38,500	38,300	300	0.77%	500	1.29%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Areas November 2014

Area	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	October 2014 to November 2014		November 2013 to November 2014	
				#	%	#	%
				Change	Change	Change	Change
Statewide	1,974,500	1,961,800	1,923,900	12,700	0.65%	50,600	2.63%
Anderson MSA	68,200	67,400	67,100	800	1.19%	1,100	1.64%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	319,500	319,100	312,700	400	0.13%	6,800	2.17%
Columbia MSA	372,100	369,400	367,100	2,700	0.73%	5,000	1.36%
Florence MSA	88,000	86,600	86,000	1,400	1.62%	2,000	2.33%
Greenville MSA	327,000	324,600	317,100	2,400	0.74%	9,900	3.12%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	121,400	123,000	117,200	-1,600	-1.30%	4,200	3.58%
Spartanburg MSA	134,400	132,900	132,000	1,500	1.13%	2,400	1.82%
Sumter MSA	38,900	38,700	38,400	200	0.52%	500	1.30%

AREA		November 2014				October 2014				November 2013			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL RATE (%)	
Marion County	↑	11,458	10,129	1,329	11.6	11,510	10,212	1,298	11.3	11,150	9,734	1,416	12.7
Bamberg County	↑	5,793	5,128	665	11.5	5,814	5,166	648	11.1	5,650	4,934	716	12.7
Allendale County	↑	3,256	2,892	364	11.2	3,269	2,915	354	10.8	3,120	2,732	388	12.4
Orangeburg County	↑	40,558	36,002	4,556	11.2	40,570	36,237	4,333	10.7	39,811	34,914	4,897	12.3
Barnwell County	↓	8,284	7,495	789	9.5	8,338	7,532	806	9.7	8,168	7,243	925	11.3
Dillon County	↓	12,658	11,504	1,154	9.1	12,775	11,590	1,185	9.3	12,324	11,057	1,267	10.3
Marlboro County	↓	11,297	10,265	1,032	9.1	11,354	10,298	1,056	9.3	11,154	9,935	1,219	10.9
Clarendon County	–	12,276	11,184	1,092	8.9	12,350	11,248	1,102	8.9	11,893	10,751	1,142	9.6
Hampton County	↑	7,798	7,126	672	8.6	7,795	7,170	625	8.0	7,489	6,820	669	8.9
McCormick County	↓	3,317	3,034	283	8.5	3,339	3,052	287	8.6	3,238	2,937	301	9.3
Calhoun County	↓	6,533	5,986	547	8.4	6,573	6,008	565	8.6	6,632	5,967	665	10.0
Chester County	↓	14,850	13,655	1,195	8.0	14,941	13,710	1,231	8.2	14,661	13,324	1,337	9.1
Williamsburg County	↑	15,653	14,421	1,232	7.9	15,710	14,518	1,192	7.6	15,213	13,840	1,373	9.0
Union County	↓	11,686	10,773	913	7.8	11,739	10,808	931	7.9	11,553	10,527	1,026	8.9
Cherokee County	↑	25,561	23,603	1,958	7.7	25,465	23,674	1,791	7.0	25,152	23,156	1,996	7.9
Horry County	↑	127,573	118,092	9,481	7.4	129,991	121,097	8,894	6.8	125,230	115,521	9,709	7.8
Florence County	↓	63,165	58,563	4,602	7.3	63,187	58,542	4,645	7.4	62,285	57,713	4,572	7.3
Lee County	↓	8,060	7,473	587	7.3	8,151	7,535	616	7.6	7,809	7,185	624	8.0
Chesterfield County	↓	18,917	17,554	1,363	7.2	19,015	17,627	1,388	7.3	18,507	16,968	1,539	8.3
Darlington County	↓	30,082	27,931	2,151	7.2	30,181	27,920	2,261	7.5	29,944	27,525	2,419	8.1
Abbeville County	↓	10,962	10,191	771	7.0	11,012	10,227	785	7.1	10,759	9,928	831	7.7
Sumter County	–	44,053	40,974	3,079	7.0	44,288	41,174	3,114	7.0	43,830	40,609	3,221	7.3
Edgefield County	↓	11,010	10,255	755	6.9	11,104	10,306	798	7.2	10,730	9,962	768	7.2
Fairfield County	↑	10,037	9,349	688	6.9	10,059	9,384	675	6.7	10,112	9,319	793	7.8
Greenwood County	–	30,933	28,791	2,142	6.9	31,038	28,884	2,154	6.9	30,322	28,121	2,201	7.3
Laurens County	–	30,370	28,260	2,110	6.9	30,433	28,338	2,095	6.9	29,735	27,785	1,950	6.6
Colleton County	–	17,076	15,909	1,167	6.8	17,168	16,003	1,165	6.8	16,696	15,368	1,328	8.0
Georgetown County	↑	29,668	27,661	2,007	6.8	29,822	27,898	1,924	6.5	28,818	26,752	2,066	7.2
Lancaster County	↓	33,711	31,436	2,275	6.7	33,903	31,546	2,357	7.0	33,334	30,767	2,567	7.7
York County	↓	112,860	105,411	7,449	6.6	113,392	105,671	7,721	6.8	111,977	104,150	7,827	7.0
Oconee County	↑	31,911	29,871	2,040	6.4	32,001	29,981	2,020	6.3	31,275	29,107	2,168	6.9
Richland County	↓	183,503	171,853	11,650	6.3	184,245	172,488	11,757	6.4	182,542	171,306	11,236	6.2
Aiken County	↓	77,329	72,641	4,688	6.1	78,030	73,005	5,025	6.4	75,604	70,568	5,036	6.7
Beaufort County	–	66,501	62,484	4,017	6.0	66,675	62,697	3,978	6.0	64,889	61,050	3,839	5.9
Berkeley County	–	87,226	81,973	5,253	6.0	88,028	82,717	5,311	6.0	86,334	81,297	5,037	5.8
Jasper County	↑	10,757	10,127	630	5.9	10,785	10,162	623	5.8	10,531	9,895	636	6.0
Kershaw County	↓	29,278	27,587	1,691	5.8	29,503	27,688	1,815	6.2	29,127	27,499	1,628	5.6
Spartanburg County	–	139,600	131,475	8,125	5.8	139,824	131,649	8,175	5.8	139,174	130,658	8,516	6.1
Dorchester County	↑	69,514	65,542	3,972	5.7	70,080	66,137	3,943	5.6	68,942	65,001	3,941	5.7
Anderson County	–	88,176	83,266	4,910	5.6	88,277	83,329	4,948	5.6	87,488	82,585	4,903	5.6
Pickens County	↓	57,811	54,586	3,225	5.6	58,024	54,737	3,287	5.7	56,794	53,670	3,124	5.5
Newberry County	↑	18,372	17,366	1,006	5.5	18,410	17,411	999	5.4	17,815	16,776	1,039	5.8
Charleston County	–	178,468	168,940	9,528	5.3	180,031	170,473	9,558	5.3	176,789	167,546	9,243	5.2
Greenville County	–	232,479	220,362	12,117	5.2	233,116	220,972	12,144	5.2	228,607	216,663	11,944	5.2
Lexington County	↑	135,688	128,673	7,015	5.2	136,059	129,148	6,911	5.1	135,220	128,264	6,956	5.1
Saluda County	↑	8,864	8,405	459	5.2	8,889	8,437	452	5.1	8,864	8,379	485	5.5
Charleston MSA	–	335,208	316,455	18,753	5.6	338,139	319,327	18,812	5.6	332,065	313,844	18,221	5.5
Columbia MSA	–	373,903	351,854	22,049	5.9	375,328	353,153	22,175	5.9	372,497	350,734	21,763	5.8
Florence MSA	↓	93,247	86,494	6,753	7.2	93,368	86,462	6,906	7.4	92,229	85,238	6,991	7.6
Greenville MSA	↓	320,660	303,208	17,452	5.4	321,573	304,047	17,526	5.5	315,136	298,118	17,018	5.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	–	2,197,756	2,051,511	146,245	6.7	2,192,193	2,045,603	146,590	6.7	2,170,164	2,022,852	147,312	6.8

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
– Unemployment Rate =